



## Gordon United Church Announcements

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*We are happy to share worship with you on YouTube! It's a brave new world!*

*We invite you to join us after the service on Zoom. The connection information is not publicly available and is **sent via email only**, so if you do not receive our emails, we would love to add you to our distribution list.*

*Whether you are new or visiting, or have been a congregation member for many years, please feel free to send your contact information to the Office (contact information above, in **GREEN**). We would be happy to add you to our weekly email distribution list and/or update our church directory. **WELCOME!***

**We are called on to share our tangible gifts, as well as the intangible ones.  
Joy ~ Laughter ~ Compassion**

### Sunday, December 20:

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Thank you to **Wilson and Krissy Gonese**, our Readers and Candle Lighters today.

Scriptures: Luke 1:26-38; 46b-55

Minute for Mission: Humanitarian Aid for Rohingya

### Zoom Meeting

Sunday's Zoom meetings begin at 11:15am  
See your Friday email for the connection information.

### Announcements Next Week

There will be no announcement sheet published next week. The Office Admin, Rose, will be off work on Christmas Eve, back Tuesday, December 29.

### Opportunities to Contribute

Please consider, should you be looking for something to support, our **Refugee Fund** for the refugee family from Syria, stranded in Beirut. With several of our church events cancelled or postponed this year, we have not been able to raise funds in the usual way for this very worthy cause. The **Gifts With Vision** catalogue has been received. You can have a paper copy mailed to you from the church (contact the church office) or you can [CLICK HERE](#) to view it online.

### Carol Sing Along Video

This video is now live on YouTube. We hope you will enjoy it as many times as you wish and feel free to share it with friends and family anywhere in the world! [CLICK HERE](#) to watch & sing along!



### Christmas Eve Private Prayer in the Sanctuary

We will be opening up the Sanctuary from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>, for individuals or households ONLY to come in and enjoy prayer in this sacred space, by appointment, for 15 minutes. A devotional will be available for those who wish to use it. To sign up please call 250-478-6632. Please note this is not a social time, but a time for quiet prayer. COVID19 restrictions allow for private visits, not gatherings, and we will be adhering strictly to the guidelines. You will need to wear a mask and sanitize your hands before and after. Time will be reserved in between to ventilate and sanitize the space. Council hopes this will ease some of the sorrow for those really missing being in church during Advent and Christmas. Please share this news with others as we want to get the information out to everyone who has a connection to Gordon United.

## Angel Gifts 2020

Update: We have contributed **\*\*54\*\*** gifts to those less fortunate than ourselves. Wow! Good job!



## GAG Fundraiser

The Get Acquainted Group is pleased to offer some wonderful Christmas quilts for sale! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the photographs. (Note the candle & snowman hangings are sold)  
**Tish Portelance (250) 478-1350**

## Opportunities to Help:

### - Sound and Video Technical Help:

We need at least two volunteers to help with our sound and video for worship: one to operate the sound board during recording and live services (when they happen) and another interested in doing some video editing for worship videos.

### - O Live\* and Prayer-in-a-Minute:

We are looking for an **O Live** newsletter editor and someone to manage the **Prayer-in-a-minute** service. \* **Note:** *Beginning in January, if you have stories or sentiments to share, you can send them to the church office for inclusion in the weekly Announcements. We'll do our best to include as many as possible, until we have a new editor.*



## Sound Improvements in the Worship Service

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Music Director, Tim Olfert, you will find the volume of the online worship service much improved. Thanks, Tim!!

## Pastoral Care

We invite anyone who is in need of Pastoral support to contact:

Adele Morley - (250) 590-2507  
Betty Pellaers - (778) 430-3073  
Deanna Robb - (250) 294-6737  
Dianne Wilson McDougall - (250) 391-7550 (home) or (250) 415-9461 (cell)  
Ruth Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

**Email: [pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca)**

## Regional Council Prayer Cycles

December 20 - 26

Japan ([info](#)) ([churches](#))

North Korea ([info](#))

South Korea ([info](#)) ([churches](#))

Taiwan ([info](#)) ([churches](#))

World Council of Churches  
Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle>



We are especially in need of hygiene supplies – nail clippers, disposable razors, and pocket or purse size packages of Kleenex.

## Care Kits and Warm Clothes

Everyone needs to feel warm and clean! You can help by providing essential items like **first aid supplies, feminine hygiene products and toiletries**. This year, Our Place provided over 14,000 showers to people in need. **Warm clothing, socks, toques, gloves and face masks** are also needed.

## Create a Poster

Gathering together is challenging this year, but there are still many special events and traditions to celebrate and acknowledge in new ways. Your faith community is invited to create a poster, contribute a holiday message, or gather pictures and information for the bulletin board at the 919 Pandora Drop-in Centre, where Our Place offers meals, showers, warm food and services to hundreds each day.



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### **Sponsor a Breakfast**

Every day, hundreds of nutritious meals and snacks are served at the Our Place downtown Drop-in Centre. Hot, filling breakfasts are important during the cold months, and a shared meal is often the first step toward a healthier life and a sense of community in times of despair. Your faith community can help spread the warmth by sponsoring a meal — your efforts will be recognized in an upcoming feature in the Times Colonist in the new year.

Donations can be dropped off at Reception at 919 Pandora in Victoria from 6:30am – 8:30pm, seven days a week. We are open all statutory holidays.

### **Join Coldest Night of the Year**

On February 20, 2021, gather your faith community and your families to join this walk-a-thon that will take place both virtually from your neighbourhood and, conditions permitting, in timed, distanced, masked groups downtown and on the West Shore. Invite another faith community to walk, too! You can join the fundraiser to help ensure that people experiencing homelessness have drop-in access to snacks, washrooms and showers during evenings and weekends.